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SUBJECT: 99TH EXECUTIVE BOARD DOCUMENT 99 EX/10 - UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT, PER TELECON, OF USDEL'S INTERVENTION ON EXBD AGENDA ITEM 5.2.2, UN UNIVERSITY (UNU):  
QUOTE WE WISH TO COMMEND THE RECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR THEIR EXCELLENT AND INFORMATIVE REPORTS. WE ARE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS WHICH IS BEING MADE AT UNU UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. JAMES HESTER AND HIS ABLE VICE-RECTORS. AS WE STATED AT THE 98TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, WE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE THREE PROGRAM PRIORITY AREAS SELECTED BY THE COUNCIL, NAMELY, (A) WORLD HUNGER, (B) MANAGEMENT, USE AND PROPER DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND (C) HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, ARE APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY PROBLEMS TO WHICH THE UNU CAN APPLY ITS ENDEAVORS. WE AGREE WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAGRAPH 45  
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CCELERATE THE LAUNCHING OF PRECISE ACTIVITIES OF RESEARCH AND TRAINING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROGRAM PRIOR-ITY AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL". IT IS THROUGH SUCH CONCRETE ACTIONS THAT THE UNU WILL BEGIN TO MAKE ITS POSITIVE IMPACT FELT ON THE ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COMMUNITIES IN MEMBER STATES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SEE THE EXTENT OF COOPER-ATION WHICH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AND MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT ARE PROVIDING TO THE RECTOR AND HIS STAFF. OF PARTICULAR NOTE IS THE CAUTION BEING DISPLAYED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO ASSURE THAT UNESCO IS IN NO WAY IN-TERFERING WITH THE AUTONOMY OF THE UNU. THE AUTONOMY OF THE UNU IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IF, IN ITS EVOLUTION-ARY PROCESS, IT IS TO FIND ITS IDENTITY AND RAISON DETRE.

IN CONCLUSION, LET ME SAY THAT THE UNITED STAT-ES GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE UNU. OUR SECRETARY OF STATE MET WITH DR. HESTER LAST JANUARY IN WASHINGTON AND HAS STATED IN A LETTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM THAT HE BELIEVES UNU "MERITS OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT". WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A CON-TRIBUTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END QUOTE

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